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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 1117

1. DEPUTY CHIEF OF NORWEGIAN MILITARY MISSION ULSTEIN HAS INFORMED ALLIED MINISTERS THAT, AS RESULT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN, HIS GOVERNMENT WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO MAINTAIN MILITARY MISSION (MM) IN WSB AT PRESENT COST, INCLUDING REPRESENTATION. ULSTEIN SAID NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WISHED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO FRG DESIRE TO RETAIN HIGH LEVEL OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATION IN WSB, HOWEVER, AND WOULD LIKE TO RETAIN PRESENCE OF MM.

2. ULSTEIN HAS ASKED FOR ALLIED REACTION TO PROPOSAL WHEREBY GERMAN BUINESSMAN TO BE NAMED HONORARY CONSUL WOULD AT NO COST PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE FOR JUNIOR NORWEGIANOFFICIAL WHO WOULD BE DESIGNATED DEPUTY CHIEF OF MILITARY MISSION. ULSTEIN THOUGHT BOTH MEN SHOULD BE ABLE TO FLY FLAGS AND BE ON STANDARD LISTS FOR REPRESENTATION FUNCTIONS.

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3. NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL HAS SOME PRECEDENT IN THAT LUXEMBOURG HAS BOTH MM AND HONORARY CONSUL AND ALLIES

HAVE JUST AGREED TO PERMIT SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH ALREADY HAS MM, TO NAME AN HONORARY CONSUL. IN THESE TWO INSTANCES, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MILITARY MISSIONS. WE SEE NOTHING LEGALLY TO STAND IN WAY OF ULSTEIN'S PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH DEGREE OF IMMUNITY APPLICABLE TO COHABITATING HONORARY CONSUL AND MM REPRESENTATIVE WOULD VARY, WITH LATTER ENJOYING MORE THAT FORMER, EVEN THOUGH JUNIOR IN RANK.

4. AT SAME TIME, SCHEME PROPOSED IS BOUND TO BE SLIGHTLY CONFUSING, AND WILL POSSIBLY SET NOT ALTOGETHER DESIRABLE PRECENT FOR OTHER FREINDLY MMS ANXIOUS TO CUT DOWN ON COSTS. AS COMPROMISE DESIGNED TO RETAIN MM PRESENCE WITHOUT OVERBURDENING REPRESENTATION CIRCUIT, WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO BRITISH AND FRENCH THAT POST OF DEPUTY CHIEF MM BE LEFT BLANK ON LOCAL PROTOCOL LIST; THAT JUNIOR NORWEGIAN OFFICER APPEAR BELOW (VACANT) DEPUTY POSITION WITH HIS APPROPRIATE TITLE, E.G. VICE CONSUL, AND THAT REPRESENTATIONAL DUTIES BE UNDERTAKEN EXCLUSIVELY BY HONORARY CONSUL.

5. EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT VIEWS REQUESTED.KLEIN

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